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DIARY NOTES

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31 July 1965

1. I met with Paul Borel and discussed several items.

a. Paul reviewed with me the draft Operations Center SOP for alerting the Director of critical intelligence. I thought that it looked good and asked him to produce enough copies to hand out at the morning meeting on Monday, 2 August, requesting comments anyone wants to make by noon on Tuesday.

b. I showed Paul my memorandum to the Director on the post-mortem of the Taylor cable which flapped last weekend. He agreed that it was a fair statement.

c. Paul briefed me on the service which

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I also agreed to speak to the Director about this sometime next week if I have the opportunity when I am seeing him on other matters.

2. I reviewed a variety of subjects with Dick Helms.

a. In connection with four DD/S&T R&D projects which I had reviewed and on which I recommended approval, Dick agreed but requested that I arrange to brief the Director before he actually signs off. I will arrange a meeting with the Director and Bud Wheelon to do this.

b. I talked with Dick about external speakers which the Agency furnishes and particularly what roles he and the Director expected to play and expected me to play in this field. He requested that I arrange a meeting with him and the Director one day next week to discuss this subject and lay down the ground rules. (In this connection, I will need to get promptly from the Office of Training a list of the external presentations which have been made by the DCI and DDCI as well as Mr. Kirkpatrick.)

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c. I talked with Dick about Bill Casey's desire for access to some OSS records in connection with a book which he wants to write. I made sure that Dick understood [] very strong opposition to this as a matter of principle. On the other hand, Bill Casey would not be the first such individual who has had access to these records, he is a friend, and we are counting on him in our effort to raise money for the CIA scholarship fund. Dick agreed that I should write to Bill and ask him to come in for an exploratory session. We can then play it by ear, trying to maintain his good will and at the same time not going overboard to accommodate him.

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3. Dick Helms and I had a brief philosophical discussion about [] [] I believe Dick and I agree that [] is a great fellow and has done a fine job, he is completely loyal to the Agency and is certainly a friend of ours, but on the other hand he is inclined to be a little inflexible.

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4. I briefed Dick Helms on the origin of the proposed Central Intelligence Alert Notices. At the same time I expressed my reservations about the wisdom of starting a whole new series of notices for this purpose and predicted that in time they would not accomplish the intended purpose. Furthermore, I said that it seemed to me that this was exactly the kind of thing which we should be able to handle through our morning meeting rather than through some formal mechanism which generates a lot of activity and paper by the Collection Guidance Staff. Dick agreed with me completely, and we agreed to put this in the "deep ⁵¹⁴blue" unless and until the Director asks for it again, at which time we can be prepared to produce it and at the same time express our reservations.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Helms
Director

Pursuant to the Director's request that we formalize a mechanism for ensuring that all Agency components focus and report on high priority intelligence problems, the attached proposed Agency notice announcing the system has been prepared. There is also attached the first formal notice to be issued which asks for priority attention to be given to public and private Soviet and ChiCom statements on the war in Vietnam.

Since we are to start a new series of publications, I would appreciate review by the DDCI and DCI prior to publication. _____ (DATE)

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